TRUE CHRISTIAN LOVE.

To be ſung with any of the common Tunes of the Pſalms.

Coloſ 3.16. *Let the word of Chriſt dwel in you richly; in all wiſdom, teaching and admoniſhing one another in Pſalms and Hymns, and ſpiritual Songs, Singing with Grace in your Hearts to the LORD.*

To the READER.

Since Chriſts fair Truth craves no mans art,
Take this rude SONG in better part.

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I have a heart for love
I cannot choose but have
A love that can give full content
the least as I can crave.

Psa. 4: 6, 7: I want not suiters, and they all
have agents still with me,

1 John 2: 15, 16, 17: Who promise that which I do seek;
but sure I know they lie.
Though honor height to lift me up,
and mammon me to serve:

1 Tim. 6. 9. Yet their attendants skars me not,
nor makes my heart to swerve.
Pale fear, dusk envy, care and toil,
with other ill hel'd wights,
Wait for my service if I need,
their maisters, O what sights.
The only thing like to prevail,
was matcht unto my mind:

Eccleiast: 1: 2: When fancy busht my party with
perfections of each kind,
But now I see that fancy is
not real, as it seems:
No earthly love can give content:
all loves but Christs are dreams.
Then why want I contenting love
since Christs love may be had;
In whom is all that I do seek,
or can be thought or said:

Wha

What other loves do seem to have,
is truely in him found:
The scattred beauties of them all, Cant. 5. 10.
in him are jointly bound.
What they do lack and cannot have,
because they finite be:
It's infinite in him, it stands
for ever still: O he,
He, he, is only worthy love,
and nothing else but he:
Alace, that vanities so long
hath so bewitched me.
Why heard I flattring idols words:
why did I parley keep:
Why suffered I affliction
to sing me so asleep:
How went I on so foolishly, Psa. 77. 12.
and kept so oft their tryst,
As if false loves could be found true,
and had no mind of Christ:
No, not when Christ was suiting me,
and they found oft untrue:
I stack still in their bonds, and could
my self no wayes rescue.
Yet still good and wise Lord Jesus
did still pursue my love: (Christ, Psa. 73. 23.
He knew, though I refus'd my heart
was his, he could me move.
And now it's done, my love is thine; Cant. 1. 4.
Lord Jesus come receive
This worthy heart, and suffer not
my soul hence to deceive.
Then shall my suiters all me serve,
but thou my Love shalt be.
They shall be mine not I theirs, else
they shall not follow me,
Thus shall I have advantage thrise,
and blest shall be my lot:

I'le get my lovers goods, and love,
above theirs, well I wot.
A love that will not me despise,
though I unworthy be.
Though vile & loathsome, yet will he,
not loath, but pity me.
Though fickle I, he will not change,
his constancy is known:
Of change no shadow is with him
he loves for ay his own.
When I for want of wit & strength
offend, and do confess:
He will not chide, but pardon me
my faults both more and less.
He will no charge upon me lay,
more then I may well bear.
But will my burthens, as I need,
support: I do not fear.
No wrath at others will cause him
unpleasant be to me:
No slanderer will get his ear,
to hear of me a lie.
He will not misconstruct my words,
he will not angry be:
Nor fret without a cause, nor frown,
nor fetch a fault falsly;
Nor mark my wayes so narrowly,
as nothing to pass by.
His love will hide my sin in love,
faith safely may rely.
He will not waste his heritage,
nor will himself disgrace:
No foes can hurt him, and their spite
he turns upon their face.
His love to other Saints shall not
work prejudice to me,
More then the Suns light unto all,
doth hinder me to see.

Cant. 15. 1.
Ezek. 16. 5, 6.
Malachy 3. 6.
James 1. 17.
John 13. 15.
psa. 103. 8, 9.
1 Cor 10. 16.
Hab. 3. 25.
Isaiah 17. 45.
psalms 103. 3.
1 peter 4. 9.
psal. 89. 21.
John 13.

No

No causeless jealousie will vex
at any time his mind : Isaiah 30. 21.
But if he see my heart go wrong, Rev. 3. 19.
I know he is so kind,
As to admonish and rebuke,
and chasten if it need ;
And so me save from perishing,
too oft deserv'd indeed.
If I be sad, he will be loath
yet more to vex my heart :
If any other will do so, Genesis 12. 3.
'gainst them he'l take my part,
And those ỹ grieve me, he will grieve, Numbers 24. 9.
and curse them more and less.
That curseth me, so will he those
that blesse me surely blesse.
If trouble set about me round, Job 5. 22.
he will not me forsake, psa. 61. 15.
Nor leave me comfortless alone,
but pity on me take.
And if he hide his face a while, 1 pet. 1 3. 17
as wisdom oft requires, James 1. 2.
He doth but exercise my faith,
and sharpen my desires.
And if he seem to stay well long,
that I become so dead,
As I can neither say nor sing,
nor meditate, nor read :
Nor do ought else that might asswag,
hearts pangs in such a case :
But sigh and droup & hang myhead,
look looking for his grace.
Attri[illegible]g but broken words or none,
perplext with thoughts confus'd:
Suggestions whisper all the while,
as if I were refus'd.
Yet still his gracious hand doth me John 5. 14.
support with secret strength, Isaiah 13. 20.

And

And makes me in the deepest not drown
but brings me through at length.
Isa. 56. 8. Mean time he keeps my scatred words
and telling those my tears:
In books and bottles, & takes course
to rid me out of fears.
And failing both my words and tears
he marks each woful groan:
And failing those my sighs and all
the parcels of my moan.
Psa. 120. 8. Yea when I sit astonished,
my lifted hands and looks,
Speaks all my mind to him, as if
it written were in books.
For he doth search the heart, and
what is the spirits mind: (know)
And as its fit gives answer to
needs cry in every kind,
And took how sharp these tryals are
their fruit is far more sweet:
Romans 8. 26. His countenance compenseth all,
Psalms 10. 5. with one blink when we meet.
Psa: 4:7:
Psalms 34. 11. For he doth make my heart more
Psalms 76. then any tongue can tell: (glad
Though grief was great, yet joy is
more sweet then grief was fell. (not
For judge ye whosoever felt
what weight in sin, what grief
In mind oppress what anguish is
when soul sees no relief.
What torment in perplexity:
what horror in Gods wrath:
What hell in fear'd eternity,
at loosing of his breath:
And presuppone a soul were sure,
to dwell at last above
In heaven with Christ, yet know
Prov. 13. 12. what languor is in love: (no

What

What sickness in deferred hopes, Psalms 22.41.
what battel without so? Psalms 11. 6.
What trouble when God hides his 3. 34. 7. 8.
and seems us to forgo, (face,
Now judge again, when weights are
grief, anguish, torments gone, (lift,
For wrath, death, hell, eternity,
of fear now there is none.
But in their place the heart lift up,
life, light, and rest is come:
Felt love peace, victory, hearts health,
and Christs spirit, all in sum.
Judg when our much provoked Lord,
himself shows reconcil'd,
If with the joy that then is felt,
a heart may not be fill'd.
Now what can others love do here,
to souls in such a case, John 15. 13.
But add more grief, & make the vail
more thick to hid Christs face:
Then other loves all get you gone,
or else take servants place:
Too hard conditions were to me,
for you to quite his face.
For one hours joy in him is more,
though mixt with durie tears, Psal. 64. 10.
Then all Earths honour, pleasure, Psalms 116. 7.
can yeeld in many years. (wealth Galatians 2.20
Now let me rest and rouse my love,
who first me lov'd and chus'd,
And long cal'd for my worthless love
and would not be refus'd.
I'le seek his love as he sought mine,
and learn of him to love,
Since he invites I cannot miss,
though whiles he shall me prove,
My love his fathers eldest son,
his Father King of Kings: John 2. 18.

His

Dan. 2. 47. psal. 2. 8. Heb. 1. 2. prov. 8. 22. &c.
His heritage is heaven and earth,
and in them both all things.
His wisdom laid the world round,
and parted sea and land,
Earths body through, as veins he drew
the waters with his hand.
He made the sun and stars so swift,
yet not be seen to move.
Lest men on earth had vexed been
with motions from above.
His strength upholds this weighty
and yet which is far more, (glob,
He bare our sins and heavy wrath,
deserv'd of us therefore.
For truth Gods promises in him,
2 Cor. 1. 20.
are all Yea, and Amen:
Rom. 5. 8.
For love, his death for us a proof,
sufficient hath been.
For justice, he can do no wrong,
for mercy, there is none,
None shall in hell be, who have sought
for grace through him alone.
Most lofty and most lowly mind,
Deut. 7. 21. 4. Isa. 57. 15. Psal. 11. 19.
most good and most severe,
Most lovely, and most terrible,
do all in him cohere.
The meekest lamb to all his friends,
a Lyon to his foes.
He gives his peace to all that comes,
wrath follows all that goes.
No foe can stand before his face,
no fugitive can flee,
Mal. 3. 2. psal. 139. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. Rev. 4. 7. Mat. 28. 20.
No lurking hole can hide from him,
his eyes do all things see.
Almighty all where present, though
his body heaven contain.
Eternal God, though he as man,
mans properties retain.

No

No robbry for his Majesty
his fathers match to be.
The fathers God-head and the spirits,
and his are one all three.
Therefore when I do love the Son, phil. 2: 6.
I love the Father too, 1 Joh. 5. 7.
And so the Spirit who dwels in him, Gen. 2. 22.
to all I worship do. Ibid. 24.
He is the tree of life to me, Joh 5.14, 15.
and so to all his own. Gen. 2. 32.
Heb. 4. 10.
No fiery sword debars us now, Gen. 2. 10.
all we for friends are known.
In him my sabbath is begun,
he teacheth me to cease,
From mine own works & leads me to
his rest by steps of peace,
Flood branch'd in four to water all
new plants of Paradise,
Redeem'd, and holy making them,
and righteous, and wise,
Tho we have slain him, yet his blood
speaks better things for us,
Then Abels crying curse, but his Gen. 4. 14.
cryes, Lord, be gracious.
Though wrath should overflow the
as with a new deludge, (land
Or fire consume the earth, yet Christs Gen. 6. 10.
safe Ark is our refuge.
For now no wrath unmixt with love,
shall of his own be felt,
Because God in his sacrifice,
the smell of death hath melt.
And as the bow in cloud is pawn Gen. 8. 21.
of not returning flood: Gen. 9. 31.
So is that offring constant pledge, Isa. 54. 9.
of our eternal good.
True Isaac offered up for me, Gen. 12. 11, 12.
not minted at, but slain:

Most

Most Isaac like in his escape,
though slain, he rose again.
Sweet Joseph by his brethren sold,
by our means made to serve:
He hath provided still our food,
lest we through want should starve.

Heb. 2. 14, 15. 1 Cor. 10.
From Egypts bonds and slavery
its he that sets us free: (base
Its he that both prepars our way,
through floods and raging sea.

Heb. 2. 3. 3. 2. John 11. 17. 2 Cor 3. 6, &c. Heb. 7. 16, &c.
That Prophet rail'd like Moses true
but fruitfuller then he:
He law, and curse, and types of good,
Christ, grace and truth gives me.
My duty Moses shows, but strength
none can he give to do.
But Christ by teaching gives me life
and will, and action to.
The Priest that offered only once,
and pacify'd for ay:
And needs not Aaron like repeat
his sacrifice each day.
For Aarons offring oft did prove
his offring unperfite:
But Christ, because it perfect makes,
God still our sins to quite.

Heb. 10. 14. Hebrews 7. 12
In him all laws and types are fill'd,
in him they have an end:
No further use of them, since God
did Christ their substance lend.
No Priest by office now on earth,
no proper sacrifice,
No altar of materials,
no fixt place of service.

John 4. 27. Heb. 9. 2, &c.
The tent where God dwells bodily
the temple where the tryst
Is set for meeting of our God,
as reconcil'd is Christ.

Ye ark with ready Angels clad,
the mercy-seat of God,
Accesse and oracles of peace,
giving to us abroad.
By him the withered rod bears fruit Numbers 17.2.
with him is Manna hid:
The law in him lyes clos'd from Hebrews 7.
except through mercies lid. (speech
By him my prayers are perfum'd,
and smell as incense sweet:
By him my cup is furnished,
and table fill'd with meat.
The priest, the altar, and the lamb,
the laver washing all:
And what else any rite did sign,
he fills up great and smal.
The judge which rids his people from Colosians 9.17
all adversaries hand.
Our kindly King by whom we may
possess that promis'd land.
To all his subjects affable,
above all earthly Kings:
His baleſt servants have his ear
at all times in all things.
He is the Churches dearest love,
and therefore must be mine.
Though I be base, yet will his grace Isaiah 17. 15.
to be my love incline.
Oft hath he prov'd his love to me,
and will not now decline:
Oft hath his love much sweeter been Canticles 1. 2.
to me then finest wine.
Oft hath the preaching of his word,
in straits and fears of death, Cant. 1. 2.
As sweetest kisses been to me,
convoy'd with lively breath,
Oft hath his apples hunger stay'd Cant. 2. 5.
my thirst his flaggons quencht, Cant. 2. 3.

Oft

Oft hath his shadow me refresht;
as herbs by dew bedrencht.
Oft in his love with drawing, hs
from bed hath made me rise,
And seek him long before I found,
to make me after wise (gone,
Cant. 4. 2. And when we meet, his wrath was
he call'd me spouse betroth'd.
And washing me by pardon, said,
my fair love, though self-loath'd.
Cant. 11. 3. Now fairest love, set my soul say,
Cant. 1. 16. who made me clean but thou:
Hosea 2. 3. Who made a child of wrath like me,
stand reconciled now?
What makes me lovely but thy love
that sets the price on me?
Whose beauty maks me fair but thine
what have I not from thee:
My exaltation is come,
to be a child of God,
By thy descending to be man,
and some whiles abode.
Luke 1. 35. Thy clean conception and birth
proves thee to be the tree,
Where cut from Adams filthy stock,
I impes clean must be.
Thy manger makes my bed more
thy stable makes me inns: (soft,
Luke 2. 16. Thy banishment home brings me
my countrey-people winns. (where
Matth. 2. 11. Thy wisdom in thy child-hold, hides
my foolish youthful toyes:
Luke 2. 47. Thy self devoting unto griefs,
is ground of all my joyes.
Thy emptying my fulnels is,
thy meanness me promotes:
Thy hiding of thy royal state,
a kingdom me allots,

Thy servants shape, and service done, Philip. 2. 7.
from service lets me free,
And bondage of proud satans yoke,
and sins strong tyrannie.
Thy lurking thirty years unknown, Luke 3. 23.
for ever makes me shine, Matth. 13. 16.
With glory far above the reach
of subtilest engine.
Thy name inrol'd in sinners book
by Baptism makes my name
To be inrol'd amongst the saints,
even those of greatest fame.
Thy offring suretiship for me,
to God, at Jordans bank,
Hath fred me of my sins, and hell
well's me, and God I thank.
I hear thee say to God. Behold Isaiah 8. 18.
me, and my children all.
I hear the Father answer thee,
I love you great and small.
I hear thee say Take me for them,
let me their burthen bear.
I hear the Father cry, Content. Isaiah 55. 5.
come, children, come, and hear.
Come hear the Covenant between
me and my dearest Son
Come give your hearts consent therto
and then your bargan's done.
I hear thee say, Mans due is death,
I'le do thy will, O Lord.
My soul and body both for theirs Psalms 4. 8.
let suffer I accord.
I hear thy fathers voice from heaven Matth. 3. 17.
cry, lovely Son art thou:
These all, and this (and that was I)
are thine, I'm pleased now
I hear him say to all. and me,
Go, hear my Son, and live.

Ye drew I came, they welcom'd me;
and life, I feel, doth give.
psal. 61. 1. Now take me w̄ thee where thou wilt,
for we must never shed.
In faith my soul is glew'd to thee,
lead me as blind are led.
Cross satans teeth, if our way ly
and cross each other foe;
Matth. 27. 33. To Priests to bench, to Golgotha,
lead me and I will go.
But lead, and leave me not, or else
I cannot miss to fall:
If thou do hold me in they hand,
I fear no foe at all.
Rom. 8. 31. Mat. 8. 31. Thy combats makes me not amaz'd,
for what could make me wo.
Thy victory my conflict makes
to be with vanquisht so.
Matth. 4. 1. Thy going to the wilderness
brings me to Saints City:
Thy fighting all alone, makes me
fight in thy company.
Matth. 4. 1. Thy being tempted fourty days,
all my days makes me sure.
Heb. 2. 18. Thy presence help and comfort shall
with tempted me, endure.
Matth. 4. 3. & 4. 5. If by some wrong mean I be tempt
to fill my natures lust,
Or God to tempt, neglecting means,
under pretence of trust.
To help or hazard life, some way
which God will not allow:
I see thee still before me, Lord,
my helper here be thou.
Its true my flesh doth grieve to think
what may thy Saints befall:
What horrible suggestions,
and blasphemies withall:

What shapes and apparitions, Matth. 4. 8.
by night some, some by day:
Yea power of this flesh, yet thou
to us'd my fear do stay.
Most dangeroous of all, me thinks,
when satan God to scorn,
In false religion worship craves, Matth. 4. 6.
and bides both hoof and horn,
And Angel-like in some mans mouth
bides to some Image bow:
And worldly motives brings thy truth
to cause me disavow.
In this case Lord, give light, that I Matthew 10.
may satan bide avoid:
For thousands here for fault of light,
guld have been and destroyed.
To free me from this ill, I know
new trouble shall me breed.
And make the world me persecute
with spight, in word and deed.
But so I may thy truth contain,
and still adhere to thee,
I fear no persecution,
nor wickeds injurie.
More hated can I not, then thou,
no more despised be:
More charged with bitter calumnies
nor oftner get the lie.
More scorned & mocked in my face,
more followed at the back:
Finger and tongue shut forth withal Luke 23. 11.
murgons that mockers make. Psal. 2. 17.
Less welcome where I offer love: John 1. 1.
less thanked for good deeds:
Worse intertained in my countrey,
worst furnisht in my needs.

More

More friendly handled by my friends
and those of mine own blood,
Then thou was, I, yea not can be
who suffer shall for good
What can befal me which did not
before befal to thee:
Matth. 8. 20. What more distrest for righteousness,
can I expect to be:
What lodging less then ly thereout:
what harder bed then rocks
What sharper rest then not to sleep,
or to prevent the cocks:
What skant or want, more than to
no peny in my purse, (have
Matth. 7. 27. Amongst such people as me hate,
and in their heart me curse:
What greater hunger then to fast,
and when it is time to eat,
To send & buy some course piece bread
and get no other meat:
John 4. 5. What greater drouth then want a
in journey at mid day (drink,
And for a drink of water call,
and hear one say me nay:
John 4. 5. What spoil of goods more then to strip
me naked to the skin,
And in my sight divide my cloaths,
and then to scorn begin:
Matth. 3. 27. John 8. 58. Luke 4. 20. What danger more then present
by stones list up to cast: (death,
There steep down rocks here man ad-
to be thrown down, made fast. (judg
Matth. 26. 57. What banisht can I more be then
for life chast here and there,
Without a hole to hide my head,
which even to beasts is rare:
What prison worse then fall in hand
of Persecuting Priests,

Christian

Thirsting like wolves for blood of saints
to grace their godles feasts.
What judgment more unjust, then
my party sit as judge, (find Mat. 26. 69.
And still the less fault he can find
the more at me to grudge: John 18. 22.
And if I speak a modest truth,
to smite me on the face: Isaiah 50. 6.
And pull the hair of head and checks,
and all me to disgrace.
What torment more then pricks thrust Mat. 27. 29.
one's head fourscore at once; (in
Yea all the flesh with scourging rent,
and nothing safe but bones;
And those so racked in all joints,
as sinews none go free:
But legs & arms are sunder spel'd,
hung up and nail'd on tree:
And what might seem to be untouchd Mat. 27. 25.
thy tender bowels all,
So burnt, as flockning welcome was
by vinegar and gall.
All this thou suffered, Lord, and more
then any can express:
Why should I then be fear'd for such
like suffering more or less? Matth. 27. 4.
Thou came to witness for the truth,
and so must all thine do:
Thou came to suffer for the truth,
and so must all thine too.
None follow thee except they be
content thy cross to bear: Matth. 16. 24.
None crown'd shall be except thy wil 2 Tim. 1. 12.
for truth thy livery wear.
The truth is limit to thy word,
thine and none others saw:
Thy Scriptures meaning thou will John 5. 39.
my rule, and thy full law. (have,

O that I were inclin'd to do
what duties there are nam'd:
1 Pet: 4: 16: Then when I suffer should for truth,
I could not be asham'd:
Matth: 15: 19: And suffer must we, else do wrong,
when men from age to age,
To chop and change thine ordinances
run head-long in a rage:
Psal: 119: 116: And by their own traditions,
do make thy precepts void:
Urging their own will more then
so lyes thy Law destroy'd. (thine
Matth: 15: 9: But thou Lord over all declares
such worship to be vain:
And ere we yeeld thy jealousie
wills rather we be slain.
Yea, ere we do a needless work,
and weaken little ones,
Matth: 18, 61, We choose our urgers should us sink
in deep seas with mil-stones.
Psal: 56: 4: Then strengthen, Lord my faith to
that flesh I do not fear: (thee
But fear may only thine offence,
whose loss be bought so dear
And since thou hast me bought so dear
why may I not be sure.
John 13: 1: What love which made thee pany
shall stedfastly endure: (epicry
If I should lean to my free will,
or strength, I could not stand;
O c had I perish't, if my life
had lyen in mine own hand.
I wonder not that such as lean
to their works, will, or strength
Fit others for, and make themselves
apostates at length.
For such do not deny themselves,
and so not follow thee:

I

I chas'd am to thee for refuge,
and so preserv'd must be.
Chas'd souls are sensible of sin,
and sensible of wrath:
And flee from both to thee for life, Matth. 19.21. Heb. 6.18.
and in thee draw their breath.
How then can such not persevere,
and so be sav'd at length,
Whom thou dost empty of their own,
and fills with thy fresh strength.
These are the souls that come to thee John 6. 37.
whom thou wilt not cast out:
The souls are drawn & driven to thee
whom thou must save, no doubt.
These are thy sheep for whom thou John 17. 9. and
for whose life thou didst die. (prays 20. 28.
Whom liars shall not long deceive,
whom none can pull from thee.
These did thy Father give to thee, and 6. 39.
with this express command:
Son, see thou lose not one of those,
I'le crave them at thine hand. Ibid.
Keep them, and make them persevere
and lead them all the way,
Through life and death, & raise them
to glory at that day. (up
Thou dost accept this charge & pawns
thy honor, charge to keep:
Our faithful shepherd well I know, Psal. 12. 1.
nor slumber will, nor sleep.
These sin and law chas'd souls, thou Hebrews 9.
true Isaacs all to be: (counts Rom. 8 9.
Chosen of promise styling them and 8. 17.
and heirs annext with thee. Titus 1. 1.
These are Gods elect whom he hath Rom. 8. 9.
predestinate of old:
And in his counsel hath decreed
to save, as he hath told.

Whom

Whom to assure of endless life,
by his unchang'd decree.
Heb. 6. 18. and 6. 12. His truth and oath he laid in pawn,
in which he cannot lie.
And swore by his eternal self,
for greater there was none,
That of this elect companie
there should not perish one.
And though these souls like ship on
may fearfully be tost: (sea
Isaiah 54. 11. And whiles may seem close over-
yet none such shal be lost. (whelmd
Heb. 6. 19. Their anker lyes within the vail,
no wind can make it drive:
It lyes where thou art landed, Lord,
and where we shall arrive.
Now whoso saith that thy elect
for all this perish may;
And that thy saints of purpose call'd
Rom. 1. 28. from thee may fall away.
And looses us from leaning on
the strength of thy right hand.
They draw from building on the rock
and bids us build on sand.
They say, Peter and Judas are
all below'd of thee:
Matth. 7. 24. And that they both for gifts receiv'd,
alike beholden be.
Matth. 26. 15. As Judas for his perishing,
may wyte the love of self,
To Peter his free-will for life
may praise and thank himself.
They say, thou know'st not who art
of none they make thee sure (thine
They say, the Lords foundation
2. Tim. 2. 19. doth not ay firm endure.
They say, thou chooses some to day
and casts them off the morn:

They

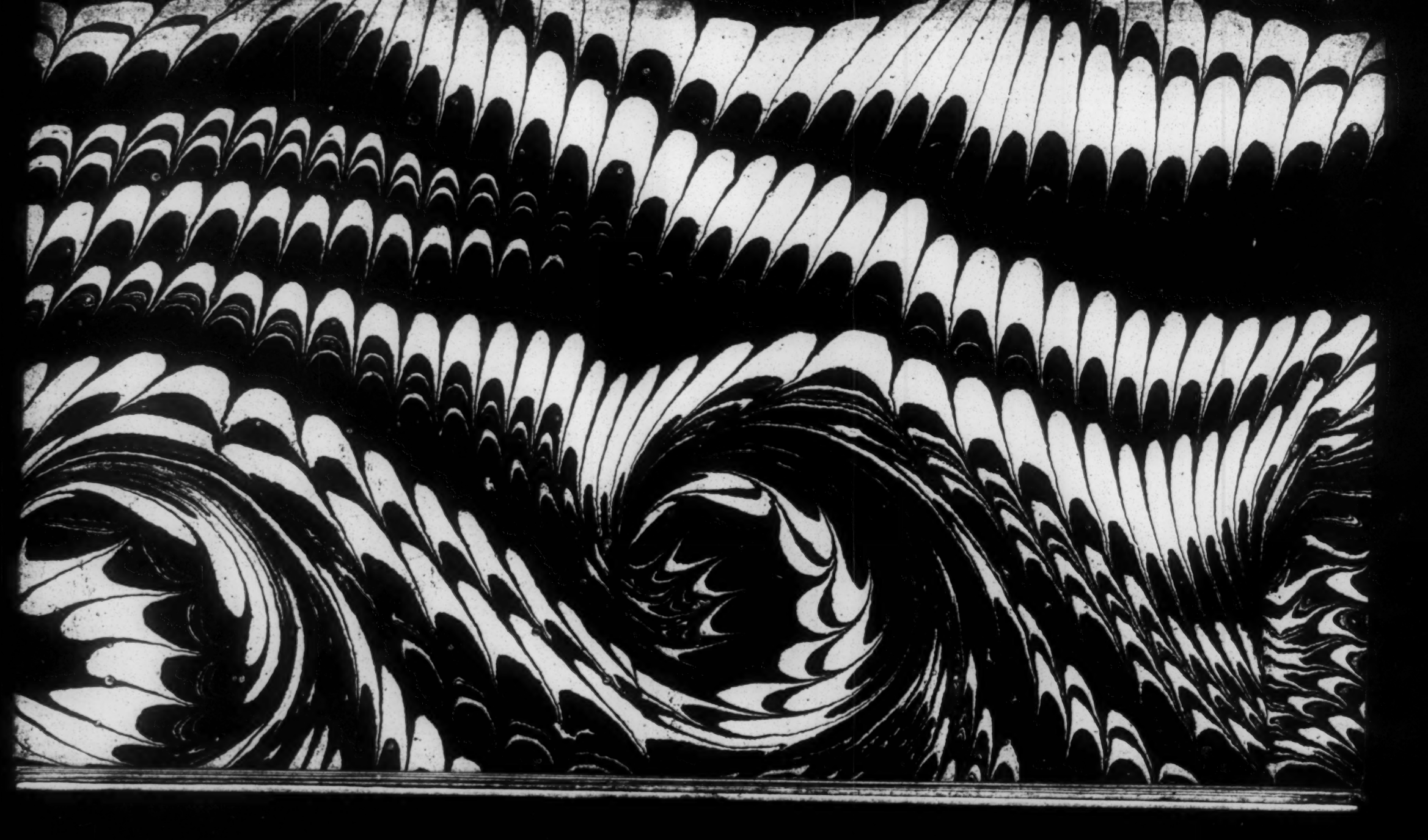
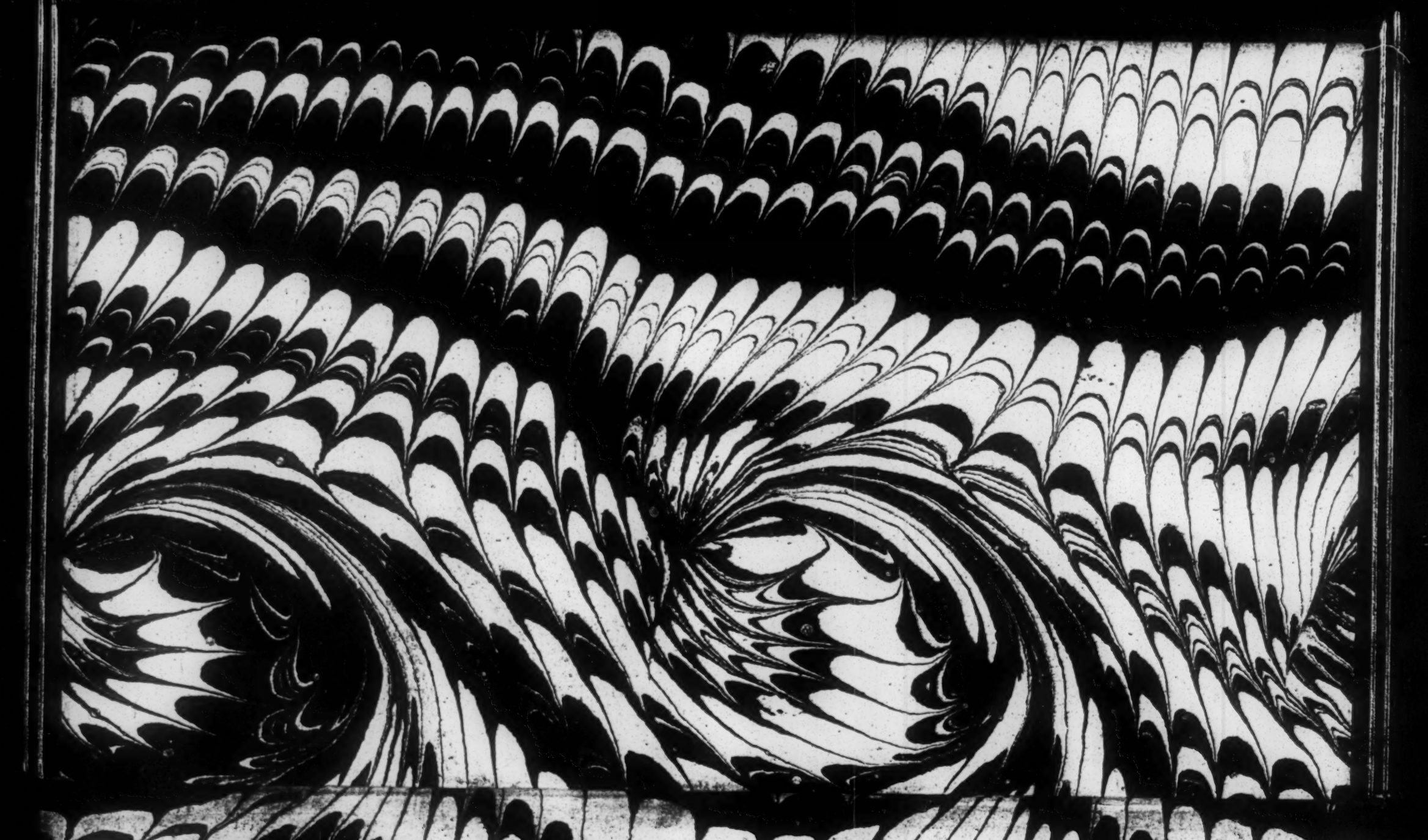
They make thee like vain man to be, and do thy counsel scorn. Heb. 9. 19. and 17. 18.
They make thee pray for thine elect and not get thy request: John 17. 9. Rom. 8. 34. Heb. 7. 25. Rom. 8. 16.
Yea though thou for them live for ay to intercede as priest. John 16. 28.
Gods elect whom to he gives right to be his sons and heirs,
They make them want sure right to the heritage for theirs.
The Saints till death seduc'd maybe and sheep pull'd from thine hand, (have
Whom God thee charg'd to keep, and to say, they do not stand. Heb. 6. 18. (said,
Thy word, thy oath, thy covenant, they make no certainty:
Faiths anker they make drive, they in substance, blasphemy. (speak
They make the merchant nothing and very short of thought, (wise John 10. 11. and 13. 1.
Who pay'd the price, & was not sure to have what thou had bought,
Yea so unwise, as for thy sheep thine own life not to spare:
Whom thou may lose, though so dear such foolish blocks are rare. (bought
O wicked thoughts be far from me, I know thy love doth last: Rom. 8. 16.
And whom of purpose thou dost call, thy grace doth hold them fast. Rom. 5. 8.
Whom thou dost love, for them thou forwhom thou dy'd they live. (dy'd
Thy love, thy ransoming & heaven, all joyntly thou do give.
And whosoever hates his sin, and sets his love on thee,
May be assur'd, thou lov'st him first and for his life didst die. 1 John 4. 16.

Now

John 11. 17. Now Lord, thou knowst I hate my sin
and seeks to have it slain:
Gal. 2. 20. Thou that knowst all, knowst I thee
Psal. 116. 17. and feelst it not in vain, (love
Then Lord, my love thou wilt allow,
that I apply thy death:
And by that means perswadest rest
to be exeem'd from wrath.
And well I wot the ransom is
sufficient enough
We to redeem from hell, and imp
me in thee as thy bough.
For me thou emptied thy self,
Rom. 4. 5. and stood in Fathers law:
For me thou emptied thy self,
Philip. 2. 7. and stood in Fathers aw.
For me thou took on thee the curse,
Gal. 3. 24. and felt thy fathers wrath:
For me oft plunged was thy soul
Mat. 29. 33. and heavy to the death.
For which I sinfully did laugh,
thou mourn'd and wept ful sore
For pleasure taken in my sin,
through grief oft didst thou roar.
For mine ill words thou silenc'd was
and knew not what to say:
For mine ill deeds thou Lord, was
Mark 27. condemn'd and led away. (bound
Thy dirty were each one my wrong
against both God and man:
Thy sentence was my due desert
for sins whereto I ran.
These lashes laid upon thy skin,
those strings and all thy wounds
John 12. 27. Were for my souls wound made with
love, which thou abounds. (sin
O to us, my Love to see thee laid:
O this to see thee weep;

O thus to hear thee groan and pant, Mat. 26. 3, 8.
and cry with sighs out deep.
O agony, O fearful sweat,
O tears O bloody drops:
How mingled down from cheeks to Luke 28. 24.
each chasing other hopes. (feet
To see my Love, for love of me,
on bloody shoulders bear
That cross, that curse, that growing
and trembling thus for fear. (wrath
To see almighty God so weak,
lifes fountain thus to die: Matth. 27.
With shame and pain orecharg'd. till
wondred, and all for me. (heaven and 26. 45.
Woes me for all sins, woes me
for roots of sin so strong:
Which have so long time grown in
and like to stick so long. (me
Oh help my Love, to have them slain,
oh here revenge thy death.
Oh on this ill avenge me too, Romans 7. 4.
which wrong'd us both so hath.
Wells me, I wot thou wilt anone,
grant this, and each request:
Anone our joy shall perfect be,
anone our marriage feast, John 16. 23.
For as thou dy'd for me, for me Romans 5. 25. 1 Thess. 4.
so also didst thou rise:
And reigns as God, and shal me fetch
so makes thy word me wise. Cant. 5. 10.
Fond lovers, tell me now if you and 5. 16.
have any love like this:
Come take a share with me, my love
wholly spiritual is.
Come change your loves, and love
or else you perish shall: (with me,
So change your loves to do the same,
or perish shall you all.

Gods

2 Cor. 16. 26. Gods curse on him that loveth he
my Love Lord Jesus Christ:
Eph. 2. 24. Or loves not them that do love him
Acts 2. 24. 4. this curse with death keeps tryst
Behold, this is my Love, yet it
he could like your love die
Rev. 1. 18. All these excellencies of his
should work my misery.
2 Cor. 5. 7. Or yet if I by death could be
depriv'd of this my love:
All that is said, or can be more,
were nought to my behove.
But now my Love shall never di
his dayes shall never end:
Rev. 1. 18. His life shall eternize his love,
Heb. 1. 12. his life to love doth tend.
1 Cor. 13. 14. And I by death shall have no los
my love shall then be more.
Both mine to him, and his to m
blessed be God therefore.
Yea, and because I cannot live,
and block his love beneath,
My chariot to eternal life,
death he appointed hath,
2 Kings 2. 11. Therefore till death his love shall b
the best part of my life:
In him I'le strive, gainst baser lov
and death will end the strife,
Only my Lord, still pity me,
and tarry not too long:
Rev. 22. 20. My spirit & flesh cry, Come, Lor
death shall renew my song. (com

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